

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Chair Jac Siegel.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. State law prohibits the Committee from acting on nonagenda items.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes for the December 15, 2008 and January 26, 2009 meetings have been delivered to the Committee members and copies posted on the City Hall bulletin board. If there are no corrections or additions, a motion is in order to approve these minutes.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.1 **COMMUNITY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS**

Overview:

In response to climate change, the State of California passed AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) requiring the State to reduce GHG emissions over time. While setting GHG reduction targets is currently voluntary, in a Study Session on October 30, 2007, the City Council endorsed a sustainability goal of meeting or exceeding the emissions reduction goal of AB 32. A community-wide GHG emissions inventory, defining 2005 as a baseline against which to measure emissions reduction progress in future years, was recently completed. Staff is proposing both short- and long-term reduction targets that are consistent with both AB 32 and the Mountain View community's voice through the Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

Recommendation:

Recommend the City Council adopt the following community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets to meet or exceed AB 32 requirements:

- 5 percent below 2005 levels by 2012.
- 10 percent below 2005 levels by 2015.
- 15 percent to 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020.
- 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050.

5.2 BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING PROGRAM**Overview:**

The Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Program was initiated in Alameda County in 2001. There is an effort being undertaken by a group of stakeholders to establish the program in Santa Clara County. At the request of Councilmember Bryant, this item is on the agenda for Committee discussion.

Recommendation:

Review and discuss the information provided about the Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Program.

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Committee at this time.

7. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDAS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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ADDRESSING THE BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

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